A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Proposals have been received from the President of the Nuzvid Taluk Board and have been referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

Betting

Legislation for combating the betting evil.

* 1776 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any conclusion regarding the report submitted by the Committee appointed to consider the question of legislation for combating the betting evil?

A.—The Government have decided to introduce suitable legislation.

Irrigation

Irrigation facilities in the Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot.

* 1777 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the channel constituting S. Nos. 77, 78, 79 of Pannapat village, Chidambaram taluk, there were any authorized or recognized kondams;

(*b*) whether the water flowing into the said channel has been diverted away into a channel constituted in S. No. 15 and further east by the erection of a masonry dam;

(*c*) whether the dam has been erected by the Government and, if so, at what cost;

(*d*) whether there were any objections raised by some landholders against the said action of the Government;

(*e*) whether any responsible officers of the Government visited the spot; and

(*f*) what orders have been passed on the objection petitions, and whether any enquiry was made regarding the grievances of the petitioners?

A.—The Government have not received any representations about the case. The question and answer will be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With regard to the answer, Sir, may I ask if the Government will find out from the Collector of South Arcot whether he has received any such petition?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Will the hon. Member kindly repeat his question, for I did not hear it?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member will kindly repeat his question."

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"I asked, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to find out from the Collector of South Arcot whether he has received any such objection petition?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Yes, Sir. I would do so, as soon as he has looked into the matter as suggested in the answer."